

# Water Systems Still Not Complying With Utah Health Dept.

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HEBER CITY-Utah Department of Health officials have expressed concern that many of Utah's public water supplies are not at safe levels for drinking. There are seven systems in Wasatch County which have not reported measurements.

The Department of Health is releasing the names of water systems which have failed to notify their customers that the system did not meet necessary water quality standards from January through March of 1984.

Those listed in Wasatch County are: Center Creek Cul. Water, Keetley Water Co., both have failed to sample for bacteriologic quality; Charleston Water Conservancy Dist., Deep Creek Spr. Rest Area, Storm Haven, all have bacteriologic contamination which exceeds health standards; Center Creek Cul. Water and Charleston Water Conservancy District, both have failed to monitor Radiologic quality.

"The intent of these announcements is to alert customers of water systems which are not complying with the Department's requirements of water system operation and quality," Gayle

Smith, Director, Bureau of Public Water supplies.

One hundred and eighty of Utah's 1,200 public water systems that do not meet necessary safety standards and have not notified their customers. One hundred of these violating systems have failed to conduct the routine tests essential to monitor the quality of water they deliver to the public.

The purpose of public notification is to have the public aware of system problems if and when the system fails to notify its users.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Utah Department of Health agreed to release information to the public of systems that fail. The Department of Health sends a letter notifying the systems which have failed, and those systems are required to respond in 30 days. They are also required to notify their users that the system is not meeting standards.

When a system has failed to sample the bacteriologic quality it has not met the requirements of all systems serving a community, with a resident population which is required to sample monthly. Non-community systems such as

campgrounds, rest areas, etc. are required to sample at least once every calendar quarter to check that the quality of water delivered to the public is safe with respect to bacteria.

The results of samples collected from these systems have failed to meet nationwide bacteria drinking water standards if they have been labeled bacteriological contamination exceed health standards.

And, failure to monitor for radiologic quality is failure of systems to Utah, which are required to analyze for radiochemical quality once every four years. In 1983 all water systems with radio chemical samples due were notified by letter. Systems listed in this category have failed to perform this analysis over the last four years.

"Some systems simply don't or won't notify their public. That's why the new agreement with EPA require that we make the notification when they don't," said Smith.

"This is more to let the public be aware of the system's failure to submit samples not to frighten them," said Phil Wright, Wasatch County Public Health Officer.



Clouser reported someone stole an in-dash cassette player from his Jeep parked in front of his house 7-28-84. On that same date, a cassette stereo was reported missing at the 4th & 8th Ward by Bishop Dave Phillips. Also, Paula Murdock reported someone entered her home stealing an estimate of \$3,000.00 worth of jewelry belonging to her grandmother. Seven stolen bikes were reported throughout the month by various individuals.

A report of a stolen vehicle from the West Valley, UT, area was received at the Heber City Police Department 7-15-84. On 7-21-84, the vehicle was recovered by Officer Pedersen and Deputy Ridge at The Other End bar in Heber. The suspect was apprehended and turned over to the West Valley Police Department. Also on that date, Officer Pedersen was informed of a stolen motorcycle from the 6th Ward parking lot. The suspect was reported heading west pushing the bike. At 500 N. Main, Officer Pedersen arrested the suspect and charged him with auto theft.

Four reports were made of money stolen from coin operated machines at various businesses. On 7-25-84, Officer Don Nelson was dispatched to a burglary in progress at the Green Acres Motel. Upon arriving at the scene, one suspect fled by foot and the



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The State and County Health Department would like to announce their annual Cancer Screening Clinic to be held Monday, August 13. Please call 654-2700 for an appointment.

## PREPARING PRESCHOOLERS TO READ

As much as I hate to admit it, it's time to start thinking about sending our children back to school. For those parents of preschoolers, right now is a good time to work on preparing them to read. As a preschool teacher, I spent a great deal of time studying different ways to help children develop the necessary skills for reading.

There are several things a parent can do.

1. DAILY READING. Reading to your child teaches them that reading is pleasurable, that it is important to you, and that it is a



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